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"Hello boys and girls, welcome to our midnight concert" dutifull applause greeting FRANK ZAPPA's opening remarks at his recent FREE TRADE HALL show. Zappa, dressed in sharp blue pants and with hair shorter than we have come to expect. announced their first number, 'ADVENTURES OF PALA-DIN' as being from their fortheoming 200 MOTELS album. Unlike the last MOTHERS concert, the material here was, for the most part, rather constricted. The free-form



orchestration and electronic chamber music of the Black. Estrada. Gardner and Tripp band has degenerated into something of a "Look, we're playing our greatest hits" type of set. The rseudo Mothers (a poor substitute for the original band) in the first half played down to the crowd and ex-Turtle Mark Volman, despite some good vocal work the dildo of the group. was a pure embarrassment with his teen-orientated attempts at humour.

The second half was a marked improvement and the band. with Zappa dispensing some very tasty guitar-work, did a bizarre monologue on how to get a bit of 'Nucky' from chart-conscious groupies, the best clubs to score in (for English voveurs - London's 'Speakeasy') and a fetish for the curious, namely 'Bognor Regis', 'Tewkesbury' etc. The last set. a heavy rock jam, brought the audi -ence to it's feet and ended with a ten-minute ovation for Zappa. But for this rev iewer, the visual image that made the Mothers such a unique band was sadly lacking. No-one could accuse this present line-up of being nasty or unwholesome; only Zappa's leering at innuendo or moodily sitting crosslegged on his amplyfier was disquieting.





The Way? - which seems to be a

lead into 'MY DICK IS A MCNSTER' (or 'Fenis Dimensions') again from The Motels album. Even the reliable SUGAR CANE HARRIS (remember DON & DEWEYS BIM BAM, JUNGLE HOP. FARMER JOHN and BIG BOY PETE) produces no surprises. All the vitriol social comment and musical dexterity of earkier albums is missing. A disappointing follow-up to 'WEASELS RIPPED MY FLESH'. Reviewed by Robert Holland.

THE RILL THING

SIDE ONE - Freedom Blues, Greenwood Missippi, Two Time Loger. Dew Drop Inn. Somebody Saw You, Spreadin' Natta, Whats The Matter?, SIDE TWO - The Rill Thing, Lovesick Blues, I Saw Her Standing There.





BRIAN ALDISS, writing in a recent issue of 'SPECULATION'. appears to be the first critic to notice the SWRAVINSKY/STOCK-HAUSEN influence in the work of that latterday archetypal rocker, LITTLE RICFARD. Now, with 'The Rill Thing', Richard's juxtaposition of contemporary music styles reminds one of how ephemeral much touted groups such as ZEPPELIN, or even DYLAN, really are.

Richard moves into the sev -enties with a verve and fire that has been lamentably absent from his records since he left 'SPECIAETY' some years ago, stabbing, anarchistic power This album bridges the years admirably and opens with his recent million-sellers 'Freedom Blues' and 'Greenwood Mississippi' in the same dilacerate vocal style he used on THE UPSETTERS 'I'M IN LOVE AG-AIN'. The backing on these tracks is heavily guitar-dominated, as opposed to the

Meanderthal sax sound of his early hits. 'Two Time Loser' uses a blues guitar riff that builds up in boastfull HOWLIN WOLF (note the harmonica sold denouncement and the Muscle Shole's sidemen back-up, in convincing, if CREAM-like. style. For some unknown reason, 'DEW DROP INN' was releas here as a single some months back. Paradoxically, this is the worst cut on the album; years out of date, highly derivative and raive.

The last track on side two is the gem: for sheer mindless 'Spreadin' Natta' is a destroyer. If one is being honest, this track should have kicked of side one and laid the basis for the ultimately heavy rock L.P. Richard is capable of sustaining. With the right misicians (If only HENDRIX ... and intelligent use of rock he could have produced a wall of sound equal to the loud-hell of a Dante. Sure, it would be excessive, and in some parts unsubtle. But when was good rock anything but excessive? Ask NIK COHN, JACK GCOD or GUS GOODWIN.

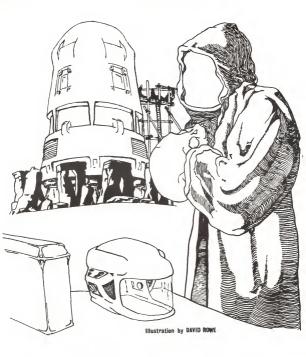
Side Two opens with the title track, an instrumental with Richard on electric piano, and is, ascording to reliable sources, an enigma. (I suggest you read the Aldiss article mentioned above for a full, penetrating analysis of this number.) The remaining tracks are oldies, and, while good vocally, have a somewhat dated feel about them.

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